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Letter dated 4 November 2003 from the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

In accordance with Article 54 of the Charter of the United Nations, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a statement from the Head of the Auditing Bureau and Governor of the Islamic Development Bank in Palestine addressed to the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States. The statement makes clear that the total losses and damage inflicted on the Palestinian people by the Israeli hostilities during the past three years have amounted to 17,262,500,000 United States dollars.

I should be grateful if you would be so kind as to bring this letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council and to have them distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Yahya **Mahmassani**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer

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Annex to the letter dated 4 November 2003 from the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Subject: Damage suffered by the Palestinian people

I wish to convey to you my sincere thanks and appreciation concerning the noble and courageous stand you have taken with respect to the Palestinian people in their just cause in struggling against the Israeli occupation.

You are well aware of the tragic situation being faced by the Palestinian people in terms of killing, destruction and displacement and the obliteration of everything that is Palestinian, giving rise to a deteriorating situation and the daily infliction of heavy casualties.

The casualties and damage inflicted by the Israeli enemy on the Palestinian people during the past three years have totalled 17,262,500,000 United States dollars. Most sources of figures agree on the grievous nature of these losses, even though there are certain disparities resulting from accounting periods with differing start and end dates and, in some cases, the use of estimated figures. The damage is not definitive because the acts of bombing, bulldozing and destruction continue on a daily basis. There is also the difficulty of inventorying and assessing damage on account of the prevailing circumstances such as the ban on travel and the transport difficulty in most of the West Bank, together with the partition of the Gaza Strip into four areas.

We hope that you will be so kind as to urge the Arab States to continue to assist the Palestinian people to stand firm in their heroic struggle to preserve their identity and their homeland pending the adoption of a comprehensive Arab project to repair the destruction that has been inflicted on them.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(*Signed*) Jarar Numan **Al-Kudwa**
Head, Auditing Bureau
Governor of the Islamic Development Bank in Palestine

Total losses of the Palestinian economy after three years of Israeli aggression

Item	*Daily losses*	*Losses to national resources*	*Consequential losses*	*Losses due to lost opportunity*	*Long-term losses*	*Total*
Trade	0.870	N/A	N/A	917.200	0.000	1 179.930
Industry	1.364	48.000	133.558	30.600	223.400	1 651.276
Agriculture, fishery resources and livestock	0.470	329.080	61.080	203.720	0.046	794.690
Total losses of production sectors		**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**3 625.896**
Service sectors						
Tourism	0.220	120.000	0.000	36.780	114.752	368.746
Internal transport	0.560	14.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	600.040
Environment	0.011	0.000	0.000	10.600	126.000	79.949
Stock exchange	0.020	0.000	0.000	5.040	0.000	23.700
Communications	0.100	7.880	0.000	6.660	0.000	113.170
Total losses of service sectors		**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**1 185.605**
Other main items of gross domestic product						
Real estate, rental and commercial activities	**0.170**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**184.030**
Activities of community, public and individual services	0.050	#VALUE!	2.288	0.000	0.000	53.906
Education	0.350	6.000	25.200	0.000	0.000	386.250
Health	0.206	2.900	160.881	0.000	0.000	283.814
Family income	0.010	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	10.590
Public sectors (Ministry of Social Affairs and Ministry of Prisoners and Detainees)	0.300	20.000	28.721	0.000	0.000	344.200
Governmental projects (Note 2)	0.310	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	328.290
[Illegible] intermediary services provided indirectly	-0.260	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-275.340

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Net value added tax on imports	0.680	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	720.120
Other taxes on imports	0.650	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	688.350
Total losses under other items of GDP		**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**2 724.210**
Losses of essential ministries						
Ministry of Food Supplies	0.000	1.000	16.430	0.000	0.000	8.715
Ministry of Justice	0.000	1.000	45.595	6.000	0.000	22.550
Water Authority	0.000	0.800	9.136	408.700	0.000	209.318
Ministry of Local and Municipal Government	0.000	#VALUE!	59.030	0.000	0.000	25.000
Ministry of Youth and Sport	0.000	1.462	0.000	2.026	0.000	1.744
Ministry of Internal Affairs	0.010	0.900	0.673	15.760	0.000	19.201
Total losses of essential ministries		**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**286.528**
Installations, housing and investment sector						
Installations and housing	1.044	152.000	12.000	#VALUE!	0.000	1 187.596
Israeli workers	4.000	0.000	0.000	31.160	0.000	4 251.580
Investment	0.000	0.000	104.000	557.200	69.000	365.100
Industrial estates	0.000	0.000	124.459	557.200	69.000	365.100
Total losses of installations sector		**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**6 169.376**
Strategic projects sector						
Port project	0.000	9.020	15.936	45.600	480.000	275.278
Airport and civil aviation authority project	0.050	36.000	0.000	145.000	44.000	165.450
Palestinian mills project	0	0.580	1.480	0.500	0.000	-1.780

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Electric power authority and power station project	0.000	5.600	16.970	69.100	0.000	44.440
Total losses of the strategic projects sector						**486.943**
Grand total	**11.170**	**705.222**	**873.094**	**2 656.846**	**1 126.192**	**17 262.515**
Grand total of daily losses	**11 836.561**					